PROGRAMME OF SPORTS TO-DAY. CYCLING .- Spring cycle show, Grand Cen-

BILLIARDS .- Amateur tournament, Ives's BASEBALL - Yale against Manhattan College, New-York; Fordham College against Seton Hall, Fordham.

GOLF.—Florida championship, St. Augus-tine Golf Club, St. Augustine, Fla.

# CYCLING.

A LARGE INCREASE IN THE LEAGUE OF AMERICAN WHEELMEN MEMBERSHIP.

BROOKLYN WHEELMEN DEMAND MORE BICYCLE POLICEMEN-PREPARING FOR THE INTER-NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACES.

Local members of the League of American Wheelmen were in high feather yesterday when the official returns for the week were received from Abbott Bassett in Boston. A determined effort has been made of late by the leaders of the outlaw movement and their agents to belittle the roads and for the rights of wheelmen. After trying to stir discord among the clubs in this district and failing, the would-be wreckers turned their attention to belittling the League and calling attention to its loss of members. These tacties have had the effect of making the League of American Wheelmen members work all the harder, and the good work accomplished has only just begun to show. At local headquarters yesterday it was said that the members were coming in in unusually large numbers to renew their cards. The official figures compared for the last two weeks speak for themselves. Last week the membership amounted to 72-672 distributed in the leading divisions as follows: New-York, 16,299; Pennsylvania 16,297; Massachusetts, 12,184, and New-Jersey, 4,805. Now the total membership is 74,557, a gain in the week of 1584. New-York gained 685. Massachusetts 380, Pennsylvania 279 and New-Jersey 67. The increase is noticeable all along the line, which seems to augur ill for the outlaws.

The present weather is enough to make anyhody ooklyn will grumble more when the sun come out and shines for several days consecutively. Com-plaint is made to the writer of this column that what is needed in Brooklyn is more bleycle policeand particularly so as soon as the outdoor men, and particularly so as soon as the outdoor riding season opens in earnest. The complaint is made by a well-known wheelman in Brooklyn, who says that he spends much time on his wheel. He says that this borough has ninety bicycle policemen and Brooklyn only twenty-two, although the territory to be covered across the East River is much greater than it is here. The wheelman argues that it is ridiculous to have only two policemen covering the eleven miles of cycle-path between Prospect Park and Coney Island. Said he yesterday: "As far as I can find out the following territory is practically uncovered by the hicycle police: Eastern Parkway, from Bedford-ave, to Bushwick-ave. Lewis-ave, from Broadway to Eastern Parkway; Jamaica-ave, and Hancockst, from Bedford-ave, to Bushwick-ave.

T. T. Cartright, secretary of the committee in charge of the coming international championships which will be held at Montreal this year, writes that the conditions appear to be excellent for some of the best racing ever seen in the world. He seems to think that all of the prominent riders in this country will have settled their differences with the League of American Wheelmen before the date for the meet, and that they will compete with the foreign riders who are coming over to take part in the Montreal and Boston meets. which will be held at Montreal this year,

There was a good attendance at the cycle show at the Grand Central Palace yesterday and last night, in spite of the disagreeable weather. New features crop up nearly every day, and the visitors take the liveliest interest in the display of wheels and accessories. The trick riders go through their difficult maneuvres both afternoon and evening. The dealers in wheels and lamps particularly report lively sales.

Besides the athletic games, there will be two bicycle races at the 8th Regiment and Pastime Athletic Club games, which will be held at the armory, Ninety-fourth-st, and Park-ave, on April 15. Many entries have been received for the one and two-mile bleycle handicaps.



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### BASEBALL.

CLUB-OWNERS CONTINUE TO WRANGLE AMONG THEMSELVES.

INTERNAL STRIFE IN THE ORGANIZATION SURE TO INJURE THE GAME-NOT LIKELY TO FORCE FREEDMAN OUT.

Although preliminary baseball has practically opened the club-owners of the National League continue to "scrap" among themselves like a lot of unruly schoolboys. Several years ago internal lissentions in the organization almost ruined the game, but the magnates have not apparently profited by that experience, and they are now engaged in a squabble which will surely bring discredit upon the game and interfere with the gate receipts of the clubs. Such discussions and wrangling nearly always follow a disastrous season, but they have never before been so pronounced as this

The sensible club-owners have realized for a long time that a twelve-club circuit is bulky and un-profitable, but as they had legally tied themselves to that agreement there was no honest way to get out of it. It has been admitted that the club-owners wanted to reduce the circuit to eight clubs. but that there was no legal way in which they could do it. The present agreement will not ted, and this was followed by the consolida-f the Cleveland and St. Louis clubs, those avored the reduction of the circuit began to

owners of the Baltimore club did not release their holdings in that city with-neial consideration, and the owners of old franchise, valueless as it may prove in the same way. While it is true that we in those two cities may be bought

they knew they were signing the death warrant of the Kentucky aggregation. Rumors had been circulated that the League magnates were planning also to freeze Freedman out of baseball, and that they would do it, even out of baseball, and that they would do it, even if they had to deprive this city of its franchise. Desirable as it might be to the followers of the game in this city to have Freedmanism crushed out of local baseball, there is little chance that the club-owners will try to take any such step. Freedman may not get any favors from the other club-owners, but they cannot deprive this city of its franchise for that reason. The club-owners probably never thought of anything of the sort. It is ably never thought of anything of the sort. It is believed that Freedman will dispose of his holdings in the club this year, anyway.

CLEVELAND TEAM WILL GO TO ST. LOUIS. St. Louis, March 28.—Edward C. Becker, vice-president of the American Baseball and Athletic Exhibition Company, of St. Louis, which has sucreeded the Sportsman's Park and Club, has returned from the National League meeting in New-York. In the course of a talk on baseball matters

"It is Mr. Robison's intention, as well as my own, "It is Mr. Robison's intention, as well as my own, to bring last year's Cleveland team to St. Louis in a body. Last season's Browns will be transferred to Cleveland and become the property of the new Cleveland club, which is operated by M. Stanley Robison, president, and M. J. Muir. The team that makes lis home at Sportsman's Park this year will not contain a single member that represented St. Louis last season. The old organization has been wiped out and no players will be retained to remind the faithful fans' of the past days. Mr. Robison and myself are of the opinion that the old Cleveland team is plenty strong enough to represent St. Louis with credit in the coming campaign, and none of the old Browns will have a berth."

LOUISVILLE WANTS SCHEDULE REVISED. Louisville, March 28.-Much indignation was manifested by the Louisville Baseball Club yes-terday owing to a change in the schedule adopted by the League magnates in New-York on Sat-urday night by which Louisville is deprived of eleven of the seventeen Sunday games originally allotted to it. President Dreyfus to-day addressed letter to the presidents of the League clubs, askmeeting of the League a schedule was agreed upon and practically adopted, and that, it being understood that there were to be no changes, the Louis-ville chib was not represented at the last meeting, at which the schedule was revised. He says it is either a direct effort to injure the club or a horrible mistake. He further protests because the schedule will require the team to play double-headers on week days and leave it idle for forty days. In conclusion, he asks the presidents to communicate with President Young and endeavor to have the original schedule promulgated and the vote by which the new one was adopted reconsidered.

MAY WANT TO "FREEZE OUT" LOUISVILLE. Philadelphia, March 28.—Colonel John I. Rogers, of the Philadelphia Baseball Club, said to-day that he believed the action of the National League in changing the schedule as regards the Louisville lub was the result of a conspiracy to freeze out the Louisvilles. The conspirators, in his opinion, had the additional object of forcing the League to support or buy out the Cleveland and Baltimore ubs and possibly to buy out the Washington club. opinion that the Louisville club had no redress. It required a three-fourths vote to change the schedule, and he did not believe the necessary majority could be secured. He said, further, that the Philadelphia club would support Mr. Dreyfus, of the Louisvilles, in any effort he might make to secure justiles.

cure justice.
Colonel Rogers intimated that when the twelve-club League contract expires the "whip-crackers" in the present situation will not be such a power.

CRICKET.

THE NELSON CLUB WILL GO ALONE.

The Nelson Cricket Club, a new organization, has elected the following officers: President, A. Michell; vice-president, H. Manley; secretary, F. J. Chadwick, No. 233 East Twelfth-st., New-York; treasurer, F. Newell, captain, W. E. Mara; vice-captain, T. W. Harris; Executive Committee, F. W. Hayward, J. Parnham, F. J. Ashley, H. Parlett and F. Doyle. The club will not engage in the and F. Doyle. The club will not engage in the championship series of either the Metropolitan District Cricket League or the New-York Cricket Association, but will content itself with "friendity" or exhibition matches. The club has secured the grounds of the old Staten Island Athletic Club, at West New Brighton, Staten Island, and a large number of the ex-members of that organization have either already joined or signified their intention of so doing.

BILLIARDS.

DOUGLAS WINS AGAIN IN THE AMATEUR TOUR-

The second game in the amateur balkline billiard tournament at the Ives Academy, Forty-second-st. and Broadway, last night, resulted in another victory for W. G. Douglas, of the New-York Athletic Club. In the absence of Holohan, who was scheduled to play John T. Norton, of the Knickerbocker Athletic Club, Douglas took his place, and won by to 129 for Norton. Douglas made an average of actly 4, Just as in the first game, while his high-run was 29. Norton's best run was 18 and his ige 2.31-49. third game of the series will be played this

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## RACING.

ABOUT HORSEMEN AND HORSES. John Kelly is at Nassau, where he is rapidly regaining his health. Nassau is to be envied, for exception of the state of the chief of the cheerful smile. Racegoers, turfmen, politicians, actors, lawyers, doctors, brokers, police and firemen anxiously inquire for him; hence all will be rejoiced to hear that "Smiling Johnnie," as his in-

timates call him, is likely to be present on the opening day at Morris Park, robust, vigorous and ready for the racing season, and willing to listen to all of his many admirers who have tips on sure William C. Whitney finds time to visit his racing

stable several times each week. Hildreth has the horses in excellent condition, but is wholly unable to control the mud of Long Island. Mr. Whitney should build a tunnel at Westbury, where Hildreth could train the horses without fear of mud or the view a trial than witness the teet from the ground. The Whitney stable is almost certain to prove an important factor on the turf this year. When Samuel Hildreth affirms that he has eight good two-year-olds in his stable which are likely to win races it is as certain as a tip on Brooklyn Rapid

Richard Croker has named the Dobbins-Stethoscope colt Auto-Mobile. Will somebody please name t or filly Astoria Gas?

A large number of the leading bookmakers have been dallying with the buils and bears in Wall Street with satisfactory results. One enterprising firm proposed to open a branch office at the leading racetracks furnished with tickers and all the paraphernalia of a stock broker's office. Such an innovation is likely to demoralize both the layers-

paraphernalia of a stock broker's office. Such an innovation is likely to demoralize both the layers of odds and some of their patrons. It is the same was cities may be bought in the same was cities may be bought out also. It is the prominent club-owners present at the first wenue Hotel. In this med up the situation in about this was me more ways than one of getting rid of strable partner." When questioned to oke the way Louisville and the word of wistable partner. When questioned to oke private the combination of the word of wistable partner. When questioned to oke the schedule, and then you will be for the how that is combinated in the schedule, and then you will be for the how that is combinated in the schedule, and then you will be for the how that is combinated in the schedule, and the word of the schedule that by depriving the Louisville club, when that in representative at the meeting, that we they were depriving the Louisville club, when that no representative at the meeting, that we have year signing the Louisville club, when the word will be a supplied to deprive this city of its franchise. The promings also to freeze Freedman the city of its franchise this city to have Freedman simil dispose of his holding they cannot deprive this city of its franchise. The private of the city of the form the cross will try to take any such step. Freedrant will dispose of his holding they cannot deprive this city of its franchise. The promings also to freeze Freedman will dispose of his holding they cannot deprive this city of its franchise. The promings also to freeze freedman will dispose of his holding they cannot deprive this city of its franchise. The promings also to freeze freedman will dispose of his holding the city of the freedran will dispose of his holding the club this year, anyway.

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F. V. Alexandre visits Monmouth Park every Sunday to see his horses.

David Gideon has gone to Holmdel. This caused one of his theatrical friends to offer to bet that it will rain continually until he returns.

Matthew corbett has returned from West Baden Springs, Ind., greatly benefited by his visit.

There is sadness among the breeders, as 70 per cent of the foals up to date are filles. It is rumored that Ely Conover intends to telegraph to Vienna for Dr. Schenck.

A. J. Joyner has the largest stable at Morris Park. He is kept busy from early morning until late at night. Frohsin, now called Lackland, is the pick of his stable at the present time. Joyner is evidently interested in Wall Street, as a hother trainer asked him one morning. "What horse is that, and how fast did he work?" Joyner is said to have repiled: "F. G. 51 bid, a quarter asked. The trainer now looks upon Joyner with suspicion. Matthew Allen is pleased with the horses in his stable. W. H. Clark, who owns them, expects to win his share of the prizes, and if looks count for anything he certainly has an excellent chance.

### GOLF.

HARBOR HILL'S BUSY SEASON-STUART CHOSEN CAPTAIN OF THE PRINCE-

Now that the trouble over its professional has been satisfactorily adjusted, the Harbor Hill Golf Club is preparing for an active season of play, and first competition is to take place on April 22, when a general handicap for club members will be held. The other dates decided upon are as follows:

April 29-Team match with the Westchester Country Club, at West Chester, N. Y. May 13-Team match with the Nutley Golf Club, at

June 3.—Team match with the Crescent Atmene Cras, at Hay Ridge, Brookivn.
June 7.—Team match with the Hillside Golf Club, at Plainfield. e 24 Monthly handleap for members.

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Club. Richmond Hill. Long Island.
July 22 — Monthly handicap for memhers.
July 26 — Team match with the Hilleide Golf Club, at
Staten Island.
August 10 — Monthly handicap.
August 29 — Team match with the Crescent Athletic
Club, at Staten Island.
September 16 Monthly handicap.
September 23 — Team match with the Westchester
Country Club, at Staten Island.
September 30 — Team match with the East Orange Golf
club, at Orange.

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urley, N. J.
October 14 Monthly handicap.
October 21 Team match with the Richmond Hill Golf
hit, at Staten Island.
November 18 Monthly handicap.

John Stuart has been elected captain of the Princeton Golf Club, but he will not take active charge of the team until after the close of the present college year. Chester Griswold, jr., the present captain, will be graduated in June, but present captain, will be graduated in June, but until that time he will manage the team's pre-liminary practice. C. H. Murphy has been chosen to represent Princeton at the coming meeting of the intercollegiate Golf Association at the Holland House on April 5, when the date of the annual champlonship is to be selected, and he is expected to hold out strongly for the selection of Ardsley as the place for the contest. Princeton has arranged to play the St. Andrews Club on April 29 and the Richmond County Country Club on May 6.

Club, succeeded in breaking the record of the Atlantic City links on Monday by covering the course in 107. The best previous record was 117, held by Miss Riley, of the Philadelphia Country Club.

The committee in charge of the official handleap list for the Metropolitan Golf Association chargpionship expected to announce the result of its labors to-day, but owing to the delay of several club secretaries in making returns the list will not be issued until the end of the week.

## YACHTING.

COLONEL PAYNE'S APHRODITE ADMIRED AS SHE SWEEPS BY THE BATTERY.

and brought forth many an exclamation of pleasure from those who saw her. She was Colone ure from those who saw her. She was Colonel Oilver H. Payne's Aphrodite, just turned out by the Bath Iron Works, of Bath. Me. Aphrodite among the ancient Greeks corresponded to Venus among the Latins. Venus was preity fast in her day, but Colonel Payne's Aphrodite resist of seventeen knots an hour for the first four hours of her trial trip, and did the remainder at a sixteen-knot clip, though the test was made under natural draft only. That puts her up among the flyers. Her engines showed 135 revolutions and developed 3.500 horse-power. Colonel Payne has a right to be proud of her. It is said she cost nearly \$55,000.

The new yacht is 300 feet in length over all, and 200 feet on the waterline; beam, 35.5 feet; depth, 25 feet, and draught, 16.5 feet. She has full sail power, as well as steam. Some fluishing touches will be put on her interior here, before she goes into commission. It is said she will then start on a voyage around the world.

JURY DUTY FOR "ANCIENTS."

A HEARTLESS COMMISSION WOULD DISTURB THE REPOSE OF BOSTON'S GOOD FEEDERS.

Boston, March 28 (Special).-The Election Conmissioners' report, which is out to-day, recommends that the law which exempts the "Ancients" and members of the volunteer militia service from jury duty be changed at once. Their reference in

The exemption from jury service allowed by law includes such a large body of citizens that we lefleve such exemption should be reduced. We see no good and sufflicient reason why members of the volunteer militia and of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company should be relieved from serving as jurors, and we believe that an advantage from skyty-five to seventy years. We therefore recommended to the commissioners is an "Ancient." Not one of the Commissioners is an "Ancient."

TO RIVAL STANDARD OIL.

EUROPEAN SYNDICATE ARRANGING FOR

CONTROL OF OIL FIELDS IN WYOMING AND SOUTHWEST. Cheyenne, Wyo., March 28 (Special) .- One of the largest oil deals made since the organization of the Standard Oil Trust is being negotiated for the control of all the undeveloped oil fields of Wyoming and the Southwest. A powerful European syndicate, representing the Russian Oil Company and English capitalists, is at present investigating these fields, and among the party are Professor Boverton Redwood, F. R. S., chemist to the city of London; Brace Cott, of the firm of Ince, Cott & Ince; C. Palmer, of the firm of Hellebone Bros. & French, and C. N. W. Rolfe, all from England, and all interested in the Russian Oll Company, one of the largest corporations now engaged in the oil in-Professor Redwood is one of the most prominent oil experts in England, and is the author of "The Oil Fields of the World." oll analyzed by him has been found to be superior in many respects to any oil heretofore discovered. A large tract of oil land in Oklahoma Territory has been investigated by the party, and the Wyoming fields will be carefully gone over. The American Oil and Refining Company, a New-York syndicate that controls over forty thousand acres of the best oil land in Wyoming, has been negotiating with the English syndicate for some time, and it is believed that it is mainly through its influence that a gigantic corporation will be organized, to compete with the Sandard Oil Trust. Other large Wyoming companies will be absorbed, and the entire virgin oil fields of Wyoming and the Southwest are to be included in this consolidation with the Russian Oil Company, with a capital of \$100,000.000. A large tract of oil land in Oklahoma Territory

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The Wyoming oil fields are the greatest in extent and preduce a finer quality of high-grade oil than any other known oil field in the world. For want of facilities to transport the product and capital to develop the fields, they have hitherto been worked only on a small scale. A few years ago the Pennsylvania Oil and Gas Company built a small refinery and put down a few wells, and has since been shipping regularly from Casper, Wyo. The American Oil and Refining Company has acquired thousands of acres of land in the oil belt and has natural flowing oil springs, which produce a fine grade of oil that has been used by ranchmen and frontiersmen for years in its crude state. There are many natural flowing oil wells in the Wyoming fields that have been plugged, awaiting transportation. These fields can be made to produce oil enough to supply the entire United States, and it is the intention of the company now being organized to control the output and obtain a finer quality of oil than the Standard has produced, for the European market.

FOUR DAYS TO REACH THEIR CLAIMS.

Seattle, Wash., March 28 (Special).-Owners of claims in Atlin who did not get leave of absence when they left the district have just four days in which to reach their claims or forfeit them. News of this strange order—the latest of the many im-positions put on the men who tried to get rich in the new gold fields—has just reached here. The information was given out by Norman Rant, son of the present Recorder, and was to have been kept a secret until so close to April 1 that the mine owners would be unable to reach their claims. Scores of miners will lose valuable claims as a result of the order. The explanation given for this startling notice is that the new gold Commissioner has been blamed for the tangled condition of the Recorder's books, and that on his recommendation emplete set of recording books to be opened, and a survey made of every claim, and the owners must be on the ground, in order to ferret out the number of claims that have been covered up by the crookedness of the former Recorder.

Charles Hansen, of Seattle, was brought into the Northwest mounted police post on the Dalton trail last week by an Indian, dying from scurvy. He is one of a party that had been in the Alsec River country and driven out by scurvy and hunger. The party divided, some heading inland for the Dalton trail, others going toward the coast. Hansen thinks they have been lost. The Indian brought the unfortunate man one hundred miles over a trackless snowfield in three days. Hansen was helpless when found, and would have frozen to death soon had it not been for the Indian's herolsm. The police report that he is not likely to live. FORD-THAMES PARTY MAY BE SAFE.

Victoria, B. C., March 28.-There seems to be strong likelihood that, after all, the Ford-James strong likelihood that, after all, the Ford-James party of nine, reported lost on the sloop Thistie, between Alert Bay and Hornby Island, are safe. A sergeant of the Frevincial police saw Ford's sloop at North End Island on March 2, Ford having sone north to pilot some vessels. The party was awaiting his return. This would mean that they were in safety long after the time mentioned as the probable date of their loss.

MONTREAL LAWYER'S SCORE A POINT.

THE DUN AGENCY WILL STOP PRESENT SYSTEM OF COLLECTING.

Montreal, March 28 (Special).-The case of the Montreal bar against the Dun Mercantile Agency was settled to-day. The company agrees to dis-continue the collecting business, pleading that its action had been in ignorance of the law, which had only been called to their attention when the action only been called to their attention when the action was taken. For many years it has been the practice for commercial and mercantile agencies to collect accounts, but the young lawyers of Montreal did not consider that they were making a sufficient livelihood, and consequently invoked the forgotten privilege of the bar. Upon the company explaining its position proceedings were dropped. It is understood, however, that it will make no difference to the Pun agency, which will in future employ a young lawyer to send out the accounts in his name instead of its own.

#### RUSSIAN INCONSISTENCIES. While dispatches say that Count Mouralvieff is

preparing invitations for the opening on May 18 the Disarmament Congress, at The Hague, new evidence is furnished of the dislike in the official circles of Russia to the Czar's proposition. It has been shown that the Ministry of the Navy at St. Petersburg ordered the armament or the building of many naval vessels soon after Nicolas II had broached his idea of a congress. It was stated in recent dispatches that the Russian Ministry of War, in agreement with the Chancelor of the Muscovite Empire, had ordered the incorporation of the Finnish troops into the imperial army, and had also increased the effective of the Finnish yearly contingent.

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also increased the effective of the Finnish yearly contingent.

To those apparently indirect protests of the highest Russlan officials against the peaceful plans of their sovereign, new ones have been added by the Ministry of the Interior and by the officials of the famous Third Section of the Police Bureau. In the middle of the month of March the St. Petersburg censorship stopped the sale of the "War Against War," the organ of the British journalist, William T. Stead, who had constituted himself one of the warmest advocates of the project of disarmament. A similar restriction has been imposed upon the writings of Baroness Von Suttner, well known as one of the aposties of international peace. But the most important fact is that numbers of "The London Daily News" which contained an enthusiastic eulogy of the Czar's proposition were confiscated also by order of the censorship bureau.

LIFE UNDERWRITERS' DINNER.

The Life Underwriters' Association of New-York held its regular monthly meeting last evening in the rooms of the Underwriters' Club, No. 16 Lib erty-st. President Goulden presided. The guests the evening were Major-General O. O. Howard, S. A. retired); Colonel Henry H. Adams, presi-nt of the Patriotic League of America, and the sv. James A. Dooley, chaplain of the 8th Regi-ent, New-York Volunteers, and each made an ad-



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MAJOR GARDINER'S EXCUSE.

HE SAYS HE CAN'T COLLECT BECAUSE WORTH LESS BAIL IS OFTEN ACCEPTED IN THE POLICE COURTS.

Major Asa Bird Gardiner, the District-Attorney of New-York County, yesterday sought to excuse himself because there had been published a record of about eighty persons who had jumped their bail in the county since he became District-Attorney, and because the ball, amounting to nearly \$55,000, had not been collected. It was declared that most of the persons who had forfeited their bail given in the police courts were in the city, and might be found, and that in many cases the bondsmen were known to be responsible, but had not been obliged to pay or surrender the persons for whom they went bail. Major Gardiner's excuse was that the bail given in the police courts frequently had been found to be worthless, because ball was accepted in many cases without careful investigation. "I know of one instance," he added, "where mer-I know of one instance, he added, where here chandlese was given as security. What was the re-sult? When the bail was forfeited and the Sheriff went for the merchandise it was not there. Last year my report showed that I collected about \$22,000 on forfeited bonds. Thus far this year I have col-lected about \$2,000. In every instance where a bend has been forfeited and is impossible of collection the bonds come from the police courts."

#### THEATRES IN HAVANA.

Rudolph Aronson, the manager of the Bijou Theatre, has just returned from Havana, where he went to see what could be done with a little American capital and energy as applied to theatres. He said last night that he had secured options on the Taco:

and Payret theatres, and also on a plece of land centrally situated in the city and suitable for a theatre, to be used for one in case he should find for his purpose. Mr. Aronson thinks that Hayana, needs roof gardens. Next winter he means to give Italian opera and the following summer open-air vaudeville. By the winter following he believes that Hayana will have become sufficiently Americanized for opera in English.

Brokaw Bros. 43d Annual Spring Opening

# The Wanamater Store **Springtime Generalities** And a Few Particulars

A ND now comes Easter, with Spring fairly over the threshold and among us. Spring wants of womankind are in full flower, and the store blosses. wants of womankind are in full flower, and the store blossoms in sympathy.

Veritable blossoms make the main aisle a blaze of color. An embankment of flowers extends from Broadway to the rotunda. They are lilies, chiefly, with sufficient of azaleas. roses, genestas, rhododendrons, and other blooms more generous of hue, to make the whole colorful and brilliant. All these plants are in pots, were grown especially for us, are in vigorous blossom, and are for sale at reasonable figures.

nearly ready. Nor are the little folks forgotten. When did Wanamaker's ever forget the children? Let them come, too. They will find, -what they will find. It would spoil it, to tell it.

Hats. Millinery Art lays hands on Nature and utilizes all that is exquisite in her Springtime tints and blossoms.

## Another View Of the Shirt Waists

If extent of variety has any charm for you, you will look over this showing when you choose your wash waists for the season. Think a minute. Counting each pattern and each color as a different style, we have six hundred and eighty styles and more, in shirt waists at fifty cents alone. We say "and more" because the advertiser was not through with the entire variety when he got tired of counting.

An honest estimate of the variety shown in the Rotunda Balcony gives the figures at 2,700 styles in shirt waists priced from 50c. to \$1.75, inclusive.

No such showing as this has ever been made in America. And the merit does not lie in mere bigness alone. Every item in this immensity represents a distinct and careful selection. It's not only the biggest showing, it's the best we ever knew.

We'd ask your attention to prices, also, or rather, to the qualities at the prices. Another strong point, and perhaps the strongest of all.

If you haven't seen this showing already, we think you'll be interested. You will be interested anyway, for if you have seen it before, you'll find it different the next time. News concerning particularly

Black Silk good offerings in black comes from the silk waist store to-Waists day. Carefully made garments, of excellent taffetas, in the late approved fashion, and so priced that many will surely have left us for new, pleased owners before nightfall. \$4.50 for one kind; one lot at \$5.50, and \$6.50 for a third,—an entirely new style, all plaited, wherever a plait can be placed.

Second floor, Fourth avenue Tailor-Made We have suits priced as low as \$7.50, and as high Suits as \$100. The \$7.50 style is fully worthy of the company it \$1.50, but not here.

keeps. It is plain, but good. We aim to be universal in our helpfulness, and universal is a word not to be defined between dollar marks. Suits for little money and suits for much money and suits all the way between, and a good value and an exclusive style in every one of them.

The middle-prices are the most popular, of course. These are types of the fastest

At \$15, \$17.50 and \$18-Of cheviot serges; blue and black; well tailored and all stik-lined throughout. At \$23.50 Of chesron serge and tailor checks; tight-fitting and double-breasted juckets; almost all silk lined throughou.

At \$37.50 to \$38. An assertment of handsome suits of Venetians, broadcloths and coverts; exquisite colorings, jackets in various styles; correctly hangin skirts, all sitk lined.

At \$42 to \$45 Of homespuns, Venetians and tai materials; Jackets in many styles, gracefully hangi-skirts; all slik lined. Other styles at prices up to \$100, Seventy-five cents White Lawn for one kind,—a Dressing Sacques nicely plaited

with neat lawn ruffle. Other pretty styles for \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, and up to \$6. Second floor, Fourth avenue. First, the ever-popu-Some Gift-Hints

lar souvenir spoonsin Silver an interesting showing of them-tea, coffee, orange, egg and bon-bon spoons, many kinds of each. Some

are only 25c.; up to \$1.75. Bon-bon dishes at \$4, and up to \$19. In plated ware, there are claret jugs for \$1; dishes with Kentia palms, 75c.; small fern holders, some with natural, others with artificial ferns, \$1.75 to \$3.50. Bon-bon

baskets, \$1.50 each.

The Easter decorations approach completion. Largely floral, of course. Stairways have become glorified tunnels, cut through hills of roses. A new Rotunda tableau is

On the second floor, in a vast green-and-gold conservatory; there bloom the Easter

### A Weather-Proof Shoe Sale The rain may come and the rain may go. the shoes go out-not forever, unfort-

unately (for there's going to be an end of this chance before long), but with a speed and a volume that do not regard the weather at all. The "endless chain" advertising of pleased patrons is doing its work. Here is more detail. It tells about twenty per cent. of the facts: SHOES FOR LITTLE GIRLS AT 90c.

SHOES FOR SMALL BOYS AT 60c. The little fellows that blok the soles through so quickly.

These have extra strong tips; sizes 6 to 8.

SHOES FOR MISSES AT \$1.10

Fine black and russet kidskin spring heel shoes, laced and buttoned. Best shiesensking and material that can go into two dollar shees; sizes 11 to 2. Sizes Sig to 1015 for Size. SOLAR TIP SHOES AT 80c.

WOMEN'S COMMON-SENSE SHOES Black plaskin; plain toe, flexible soles, broad widchs; the kind you rarely find under-priced. \$1.70 pair. MEN'S SHOES AT \$1.90

BOYS' SHOES AT \$1.50 AND \$1.75 coording to size; welted shoes, tan and black, from tin our mind) the best maker of such goods. None in the lot worth less than \$2.50. Sizes 12 to 5%, C. It and E. widths

WOMEN'S OXFORDS AT \$1 The new shapes; black kidskin; flexible soles; and plump \$1.50 grade.

WOMEN'S SHOES AT \$1.40

Carpet facts from our store Axminster have always the weight of Carpets authority behind them. In fact, there are but one or two other carpet stores that can speak with equal strength

and authority. When the store presents you this morning, therefore, with a grade of Axminster carpet that is worth \$1.35 a yard, for

\$1 a Yard,

it is a matter to be received with serious attention. We call this a \$1.35 grade, because we have the same quality in our regular stock at that figure. It often sells for

Five hundred pieces of this carpet at a dollar a yard. It's a short-lived chance.

Great, long tables Men's Suitspiled high with New Spring Styles stylish, well-made Spring suits. They are made of cassimeres and velours in attractive patterns, and they're priced moderately - some only \$10-a properly cut, durable suit in desirable, fashionable goods at that price.

At \$12-Of gray cassimere, neat checks, sack cost double breasted yest. double breasted vest.

At \$15-Of brown and gray velour, in checks, sack costs, single and double-breasted vests. Very stylish, and the sort of suit for which ordinarily you'd have to pay \$20.

A good assortment of suits of fine stripe worsted in new effects at \$18, \$20 and \$25. Some especially good things

await inspection in the boys' Top Coats clothing store. Top coats, for instance. The kind that make the little fellows feel and look like men. Some of all-wool covert are only \$3 for boys 3 to 10 years of age, and a half dollar more for 11 sacque of good white lawn, edge all-round to 16-year sizes. Other fine coats at \$3.50, \$4.50, \$5 and \$6. Higher still, if you wish them.

The Oxford and Cam-Prayer Books bridge presses, Eyre & and Hymnals Spotiswoode and Thomas Nelson's Sons are well known throughout the English speaking world as printers of ecclesiological books. We have brought together a great variety of their most dainty and artistic printings and bindings. The Book of Common Prayer. 75 styles of bindles, 15c, to \$6.50.

Hymnals, to correspond, 25c, to \$6.75.
Combination Sets, 150 styles, 80c, to \$10.75.
Catholic Prayer Books, 50 styles of binding.

JOHN WANAMAKER Formerly A. T. Stewart & Co., Broadway, 4th ave., 9th and 10th sts.

# CLOTHING for Men, Boys and Children. Astor Place and Fourth Avenue.